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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A wellbore apparatus comprising:

a) a first ~~flow joint conduit~~ in a wellbore, the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, within the first conduit, wherein at least one section of the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface being permeable and at least one section of the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface being impermeable, wherein the permeable section is adapted to retain particles larger than a predetermined size while allowing fluids to pass through the permeable surface;

b) a second ~~flow joint conduit~~ in the wellbore, the second ~~flow joint conduit~~ comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore within the second conduit, wherein at least one section of the second ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface being is permeable and at least one section of the second ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface being impermeable; wherein the permeable section is adapted to retain particles larger than a predetermined size while allowing fluids to pass through the permeable surface; wherein at least one permeable section of the first conduit surface is in fluid communication with at least one permeable section of the second conduit surface providing fluid communication between the first flow path and the second flow path; and

c) at least one wall inside the first ~~flow joint-path~~ or the second ~~flow joint-path~~ to form at least a ~~third fluid flow path; and one compartment in the first flow path or the second flow path; wherein the compartment has at least one inlet and at least one outlet; and wherein the at least one compartment is adapted to accumulate particles in the compartment to progressively increase resistance to fluid flow through the compartment in the event the at least one inlet is impaired and allows particles larger than a predetermined size to pass into the compartment.~~

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~~d) wherein at least one permeable section of the first flow joint is connected to at least one permeable section of the second flow joint thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint and the second flow joint.~~

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first and second flow joints conduits are selectively perforated basepipes.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first flow joint conduit is adjacent to the second flow joint conduit in the wellbore.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first flow joint conduit is concentric to the second flow joint conduit in the wellbore.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one flow joint conduit comprises joints of pipe.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first flow joint conduit is eccentric to the second flow joint conduit in the wellbore.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the joints of pipe are connected using flexible joints.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the three-dimensional surface of the first and second flow joints are cylindrical.

9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one wellbore annuli-wall is utilized as a flow joint conduit.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one flow joint conduit is a sand screen.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the sand screen is a wire-wrapped screen and the wires of the wire-wrapped screen are wrapped at varying pitches thereby creating varying levels of permeable sections and impermeable sections.

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12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising at least one shunt tube in at least one flow-joint-conduit.
13. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the apparatus is used for producing hydrocarbons.
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the apparatus is used for gravel packing a well.
15. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first flow-joint-conduit or the second flow-joint-conduit and at least one permeable section of the first flow-joint-conduit or the second flow-joint-conduit are each at least 7.5 centimeters long.
16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first flow-joint-conduit or the second flow-joint-conduit and at least one permeable section of the first flow-joint-conduit or the second flow-joint-conduit are each at least 15 centimeters long.
17. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first flow-joint-conduit is adjacent to at least one permeable section of a third flow-joint-conduit.
18. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at any cross-section location of the apparatus, at least one wall-surface of at least one flow-joint-conduit is impermeable.
19. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at any cross-section location at least one wall-surface of at least one flow-joint-conduit is impermeable and at least one wall-surface of at least one flow-joint-conduit is permeable.
20. (currently amended) A wellbore apparatus comprising;
 - a) a first selectively perforated basepipe inside a wellbore defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, within the first basepipe, with at least one section of the first

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selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the first perforated basepipe being permeable, wherein the permeable section is adapted to retain particles larger than a predetermined size while allowing fluids to pass through the permeable surface;

b) a second selectively perforated basepipe inside the wellbore defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore~~[[,]]~~ within the second basepipe, with at least one section of the second selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the second perforated basepipe being permeable; wherein the permeable section is adapted to retain particles larger than a predetermined size while allowing fluids to pass through the permeable surface; wherein at least one permeable section of the first basepipe is in fluid communication with at least one permeable section of the second basepipe providing fluid communication between the first flow path and the second flow path; and

c) at least one wall disposed inside ~~and coupled to the first flow path~~ selectively perforated basepipe or the second flow path to form selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional compartment in the first fluid flow path ~~[[; and]]~~ or the second flow path; wherein the compartment has at least one inlet and at least one outlet; and wherein the at least one compartment is adapted to accumulate particles in the compartment to progressively increase resistance to fluid flow through the compartment in the event the at least one inlet is impaired and allows particles larger than a predetermined size to pass into the compartment.

d) ~~wherein at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe and at least one permeable section of the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected to provide at least one flow path between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe.~~

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the basepipes are concentric.
22. (original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the basepipes are eccentric.
23. (original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the basepipes are adjacent.

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24. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the first selectively perforated basepipe is larger than the second selectively perforated basepipe and the at least one wall is coupled between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional flow path inside the first selectively perforated basepipe.

25. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the first selectively perforated basepipe is larger than the second selectively perforated basepipe and the at least one wall is coupled between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional flow path inside the first selectively perforated basepipe.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the perforations of the first selectively perforated basepipe are chosen based on the relative amount of fluids that will flow through the at least one permeable section.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising at least one shunt tube in the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe.

29. (original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at least three flow paths are available through the wellbore.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected with flexible tubes.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe and at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe are each at least 7.5 centimeters long.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe

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and at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe are each at least 15 centimeters long.

33. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at least one impermeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe is adjacent to at least one permeable section of a third selectively perforated basepipe.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at any cross-section location of the apparatus, at least one wall of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe is impermeable.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein at any cross-section location at least one wall of the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe is impermeable and at least one wall of the other one of the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe is permeable.

36. (currently amended) A method for completing a wellbore comprising:

a) providing a wellbore apparatus for producing hydrocarbons comprising a first ~~flow joint conduit~~ in a wellbore, the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid-flow path through the wellbore within the first conduit, ~~with wherein~~ at least one section of the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface ~~being is~~ permeable and at least one section of the first ~~flow joint conduit~~ surface ~~being is~~ impermeable, a second ~~flow joint conduit~~ in a wellbore, the second ~~flow joint conduit~~ comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore with at least one section of the ~~first-second flow joint conduit~~ surface being permeable and at least one section of the ~~first-second flow joint conduit~~ surface being impermeable~~[[,]]~~; wherein at least one permeable section of the first conduit surface is in fluid communication with at least one permeable section of the second conduit surface providing fluid communication between the first flow path and the second flow path; and at least one wall disposed inside the first flow joint path or the second flow joint path to form at least one compartment in the first flow path or the second flow path; a third fluid flow path, wherein at least one permeable compartment section of the first flow joint is connected adapted to accumulate particles in the compartment to

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progressively increase resistance to fluid flow at least one permeable section of the second flow joint thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint and the second flow joint through the compartment in the event the at least one inlet is impaired and allows particles larger than a predetermined size to pass into the compartment; and

b) installing the wellbore apparatus in the wellbore.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein installing the wellbore apparatus provides at least two separate flow paths in the wellbore with at least one connection permitting fluid flow between the first flow path and the second flow path.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the apparatus is used for producing hydrocarbons.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the apparatus is used for gravel packing a well.

40. (original) The method of claim 36 further comprising producing hydrocarbons from the wellbore.

41. (currently amended) The method of claim 40 further comprising producing hydrocarbons from the wellbore apparatus after the first flow joint conduit or second flow joint conduit or third flow joint has been mechanically damaged.

42. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 further comprising disposing at least one shunt tube in at least one of the first flow joint conduit and the second flow joint conduit, and gravel packing the wellbore using the shunt tube in the first flow joint conduit or the second flow joint conduit.

43. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the first flow joint conduit or the second flow joint conduit is comprises a sand screen; and further comprising installing a complete gravel pack during gravel packing operations after the sand screen has been mechanically damaged.

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44. (currently amended) A method of flowing fluids in a wellbore comprising;

a) providing a wellbore with an apparatus comprising a first ~~flow joint~~ conduit in a wellbore, the first ~~flow joint~~ conduit comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore within the first conduit, wherein at least one section of the first ~~flow joint~~ conduit surface ~~being~~ is permeable and at least one section of the first ~~flow joint~~ conduit surface ~~being~~ is impermeable[[,]]; a second ~~flow joint~~ conduit in [[a]] the wellbore, the second ~~flow joint~~ conduit comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, with wherein at least one section of the second ~~flow joint~~ conduit surface ~~being~~ is permeable and at least one section of the second ~~flow joint~~ conduit surface ~~being~~ is impermeable[[,]]; wherein at least one permeable section of the first ~~flow joint~~ conduit is ~~connected to~~ in fluid communication with at least one permeable section of the second ~~flow joint~~ conduit ~~thereby surface providing fluid communication at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint path and the second flow joint path~~[[,]]; and at least one wall inside the first ~~flow joint~~ path or the second ~~flow joint~~ path to ~~provide form~~ at least a third fluid flow path at least one compartment in the first flow path or the second flow path; wherein the compartment has at least one inlet and at least one outlet; and wherein the at least one compartment is adapted to accumulate particles in the compartment to progressively increase resistance to fluid flow through the compartment in the event the at least one inlet is impaired and allows particles larger than a predetermined size to pass into the compartment.

45. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising producing hydrocarbons through the first ~~flow joint~~ conduit or the second conduit ~~flow joint~~.

46. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising injecting fluids into the well through the first conduit ~~flow joint~~ and the second conduit ~~flow joint~~.

47. (canceled)

48. (currently amended) A wellbore apparatus comprising;

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a first perforated basepipe configured to provide a first fluid flow path through a wellbore, wherein the first perforated basepipe has at least a first impermeable section and at least a first permeable section;

a second perforated basepipe configured to provide a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, wherein the second perforated basepipe has at least a second impermeable section and at least a second permeable section and the first permeable section and the second permeable section are connected to provide a flow path between the first perforated basepipe and the second perforated basepipe; and wherein the basepipes are eccentric; and

at least one baffle disposed inside the first perforated basepipe or the second perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional fluid flow path.

49-50. (canceled)

51. (currently amended) A wellbore [[The]] apparatus of claim 48 comprising:

a first perforated basepipe configured to provide a first fluid flow path through a wellbore, wherein the first perforated basepipe has at least a first impermeable section and at least a first permeable section;

a second perforated basepipe configured to provide a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, wherein the second perforated basepipe has at least a second impermeable section and at least a second permeable section and the first permeable section and the second permeable section are connected to provide a flow path between the first perforated basepipe and the second perforated basepipe; and wherein the basepipes are adjacent; and

at least one baffle disposed inside the first perforated basepipe or the second perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional fluid flow path.

52-58. (canceled)

59. (currently amended) A wellbore apparatus comprising:

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a perforated basepipe configured to provide a first fluid flow path through a wellbore, wherein the perforated basepipe has at least an impermeable section and at a permeable section; and

a plurality of walls inside the perforated basepipe to provide ~~at least a second fluid flow path through the wellbore~~; a plurality of compartments in the first fluid flow path; and

a redundant perforated basepipe configured to provide a third fluid flow path through the wellbore, the redundant perforated basepipe comprising at least a redundant impermeable section and at least a redundant permeable section, wherein the permeable section and the redundant permeable section are in fluid communication through the compartment between the perforated basepipe and the redundant perforated basepipe; wherein the compartment is adapted accumulate particles to progressively increase resistance to fluid flow through the compartment in the event the at least one permeable section of the perforated basepipe or the redundant perforated basepipe is impaired and allows particles larger than a predetermined size to pass into the compartment.

60. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 59 wherein the perforated basepipe ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a sand screen.

61. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 59 wherein the plurality of walls comprises a first wall, a second wall and a third wall, wherein each of the walls are coupled between the perforated basepipe and the first wall, second wall, third wall, or combination thereof.

62. (canceled)

63. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 62~~ claim 59 wherein the basepipes are concentric.

64. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 62~~ claim 59 wherein the basepipes are eccentric.

65. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 62~~ claim 59 wherein the basepipes are adjacent.

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66. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 59 wherein at least one wall of the plurality of walls redirects the fluid into ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of compartments.

67. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 59 wherein the at least one wall forms a predefined shape in the perforated basepipe and comprises at least one of a permeable material, an impermeable material, and combination thereof.

68. (currently amended) A wellbore apparatus comprising:

a) a first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit in a wellbore, the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit surface being permeable and at least one section of the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit surface being impermeable;

b) a second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit in the wellbore, the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit surface being permeable and at least one section of the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit surface being impermeable;

c) wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit is eccentric to the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit in the wellbore and at least one permeable section of the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit is connected to at least one permeable section of the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit and the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit.

69. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one wall forms a predefined shape and comprises at least one of a permeable portion, an impermeable portion, and combination thereof.

70. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit and the second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit are different lengths within the wellbore.

71. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit comprises a plurality of sections having a central opening through each of the plurality of sections.

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72. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit is impermeable on at least one end of the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit.

73. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the at least one of first selectively perforated basepipe, the second selectively perforated basepipe, and combination is a sand screen.

74. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the at least one wall forms a specific shape in the first selectively perforated basepipe and comprises at least one of a permeable material, an impermeable material, and combination thereof.

75. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe are different lengths within the wellbore.

76. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the at least one wall forms a predefined shape in the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit and comprises at least one of a permeable section, an impermeable section, and combination thereof.

77. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit comprises a plurality of sections having a central opening through each of the plurality of sections.

78. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit is impermeable on at least one end of the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit.

79. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 wherein the at least one wall forms a shape within the first ~~flow-joint~~ conduit or second ~~flow-joint~~ conduit and comprises at least one of a permeable material, an impermeable material, and combination thereof.

80-81. (canceled)

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82. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one permeable section of the first conduit surface and the at least one permeable section of the second conduit surface are offset providing at least one flow direction change for fluids passing from the first flow path to the second flow path.

83. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one inlet to the compartment is provided by the at least one permeable section of the first conduit surface or the at least one permeable section of the second conduit surface, and wherein the at least one outlet is provided by the at least one permeable section of the second conduit surface or the at least one permeable section of the first conduit surface.

84. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one compartment includes at least one permeable section of the first conduit, at least one impermeable section of the first conduit, at least one permeable section of the second conduit, and at least one impermeable section of the second conduit.

85. (new) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the at least one permeable section of the first basepipe and the at least one permeable section of the second basepipe are offset providing at least one flow direction change for fluids passing from the first flow path to the second flow path.

86. (new) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the at least one inlet to the compartment is provided by the at least one permeable section of the first basepipe or the at least one permeable section of the second basepipe, and wherein the at least one outlet is provided by the at least one permeable section of the second basepipe or the at least one permeable section of the first basepipe.

87. (new) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the at least one compartment includes at least one permeable section of the first basepipe, at least one impermeable section of the first basepipe, at least one permeable section of the second basepipe, and at least one impermeable section of the second basepipe.

88. (new) A wellbore apparatus comprising:

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a) a first flow joint in a wellbore, the first flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the first flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the first flow joint surface being impermeable;

b) a second flow joint in the wellbore, the second flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the second flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the second flow joint surface being impermeable;

c) at least one wall inside the first flow joint or the second flow joint to form at least a third fluid flow path; and

d) wherein at least one permeable section of the first flow joint is connected to at least one permeable section of the second flow joint thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint and the second flow joint; and wherein at least one flow joint comprises a sand screen including a wire-wrapped screen wherein the wires of the wire-wrapped screen are wrapped at varying pitches thereby creating varying levels of permeable sections and impermeable sections.

89. (new) A wellbore apparatus comprising:

a) a first flow joint in a wellbore, the first flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the first flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the first flow joint surface being impermeable;

b) a second flow joint in the wellbore, the second flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, at least one section of the second flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the second flow joint surface being impermeable;

c) at least one shunt tube in at least one flow joint;

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d) at least one wall inside the first flow joint or the second flow joint to form at least a third fluid flow path; and

e) wherein at least one permeable section of the first flow joint is connected to at least one permeable section of the second flow joint thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint and the second flow joint.

90. (new) A wellbore apparatus comprising;

a) a first selectively perforated basepipe inside a wellbore defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the first selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the first perforated basepipe being permeable;

b) a second selectively perforated basepipe inside the wellbore defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the second selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the second perforated basepipe being permeable, wherein the first and second basepipes are eccentric;

c) at least one wall disposed inside and coupled to the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional fluid flow path; and

d) wherein at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe and at least one permeable section of the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected to provide at least one flow path between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe.

91. (new) A wellbore apparatus comprising;

a) a first selectively perforated basepipe inside a wellbore defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the first selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the first perforated basepipe being permeable;

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b) a second selectively perforated basepipe inside the wellbore defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the second selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the second perforated basepipe being permeable, wherein the first and second basepipes are adjacent;

c) at least one wall disposed inside and coupled to the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional fluid flow path; and

d) wherein at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe and at least one permeable section of the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected to provide at least one flow path between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe.

92. (new) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected with flexible tubes.

93. (new) A wellbore apparatus comprising;

a) a first selectively perforated basepipe inside a wellbore defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the first selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the first perforated basepipe being permeable;

b) a second selectively perforated basepipe inside the wellbore defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore, with at least one section of the second selectively perforated basepipe being impermeable and at least one section of the second perforated basepipe being permeable, wherein the first and second basepipes are eccentric;

c) at least one shunt tube in the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe;

d) at least one wall disposed inside and coupled to the first selectively perforated basepipe or the second selectively perforated basepipe to provide at least one additional fluid flow path; and

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e) wherein at least one permeable section of the first selectively perforated basepipe and at least one permeable section of the second selectively perforated basepipe are connected to provide at least one flow path between the first selectively perforated basepipe and the second selectively perforated basepipe.

94. (new) A method for completing a wellbore comprising:

a) providing a wellbore apparatus for producing hydrocarbons comprising a first flow joint in a wellbore, the first flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a first fluid flow path through the wellbore with at least one section of the first flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the first flow joint surface being impermeable, a second flow joint in a wellbore, the second flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a second fluid flow path through the wellbore with at least one section of the first second flow joint surface being permeable and at least one section of the first second flow joint surface being impermeable, at least one wall disposed in the first flow joint or the second flow joint to form at least a third fluid flow path, wherein at least one permeable section of the first flow joint is connected to at least one permeable section of the second flow joint thereby providing at least one fluid flow path between the first flow joint and the second flow joint;

b) disposing at least one shunt tube in at least one of the first conduit and the second conduit;

c) installing the wellbore apparatus in the wellbore; and

d) gravel packing the wellbore using the shunt tube in the first conduit or the second conduit.